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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
1st March 1869.

No. 40. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th December 1868.

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Government Order, dated 20th November 1868, No. 3,636, Revenue Department.

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1. In the foregoing Order Government have authorized a grant of Rupees 10,000, from the Income Tax, for the construction of the ghaut and road from Cumbum in Madura by Perryaur to Sheatoor in Tinnevelly, and request the Board to allot an equal amount from the Local Funds of Madura for the same work.

2. Before issuing instructions to the Collector, the Board beg to submit the following observations for the consideration of Government.

3. The Collector of Madura estimated the income of the Road Fund for the current year at Rupees 2,07,560. He has, however, lately submitted a report showing that the income will be only Rupees 1,83,800, out of which, moreover, Rupees 32,388 have to be repaid to Imperial Funds for excess expenditure in the previous year. He has also urged the Board to apply to Government for a loan of 40,000 Rupees, to admit of the works included in his current year's Budget being pushed on. The Board have been obliged, under these circumstances, to reduce the existing allotments, so as to repay the sum of Rupees 32,388 and keep the charges within the expected income.

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6. Another line runs from Chinnamanoor westwards by Andiputty to Madura.

7. For the first of these lines Rupees 10,000 have been allotted in this year's and Rupees 25,000 in next year's Budget.

8. On the second line nearly Rupees 10,000 were spent last year. An allotment of Rupees 18,000 is provided in the current year's revised Budget, and the balance of the estimate of Rupees 33,000 is provided in next year's Budget. The completion of these roads will give the Cumbum valley means of communication sufficient for its wants, and far in excess of those afforded to other parts of the country. A larger share of the Road Fund cannot be allotted to this part of the district without injustice to other parts of it, and the superiority of these to any other lines in the valley is apparent from the map. The first, indeed, is one of the lines which the Board recommended that Government should declare to be Imperial.

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12. The Board would earnestly hope that Government will not press their demand for a contribution from the Road Fund for this line. Colonel Anderson's Report, paragraphs 5 and 6, and the map show conclusively that it has been suggested solely by the proposal to dam the Perryaur at the site selected. He declares that the project "could not in any case be carried out unless roads were first opened out," and he recommends that these "should be aligned with special reference to their ultimate bearing on the Perryaur project, as well as with a view to their general utility independently of it. The Board would appeal to the map as conclusively showing that this line meets the first object alone. Colonel Anderson goes on, that "as it would pass close to the site of the dam, it would accustom the people to frequent the locality, and would serve to dissipate their objections to settling down to work there;" and he enlarges on the opportunities which the Officers employed on the roads would enjoy of obtaining information bearing on the project.

13. The Road Fund of both Madura and Tinnevelly is over-burdened already, and it will take ten or twelve years to complete the *main* District lines in them. The Board trust, therefore, that Government will be pleased to reconsider their proposal, and relieve the funds of this charge, as well as the further heavy expenditure which the completion of the road, from the nature of the country, will assuredly entail.

14. The Perryaur project is estimated to yield a net return of five lacs on an expenditure of twenty-one lacs or twenty-four per cent., and may therefore reasonably be charged with these preliminary and incidental expenses.

15. It may be remarked that the portion of the line from a few miles north of Goodaloor, Taralum to Peermade, and from the former place to the Perryaur, which Colonel Anderson also recommends, are in Travancore.

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department, with the opinion of the Secretary in this Department, that under the circumstances stated by the Board of Revenue, no grant should be made from Local Funds for the purpose of constructing the road in question.

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
26th January 1869.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
1st March 1869.

No. 41. ORDER THEREON, 1st March 1869, No. 661.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 6.

1. The Government have attentively perused all that the Board of Revenue urge in support of their objection to divert any part of the Local Funds of the Madura District to the construction of a road from Cumbum to the site of the proposed dam on the Perryaur, and from thence to Sheatoor in Tinnevelly, and, after full consideration, His Excellency the Governor in Council is disposed to agree with the Board that the latter part of the road in question is not likely to be of such use as to warrant an appropriation of Local Funds to its formation. The construction of the road, as suggested by Colonel Anderson, from the site of the dam on the Perryaur to Sheatoor will therefore not be undertaken, but, as regards the road from Cumbum into the hills up to the Perryaur, His Excellency the Governor in Council is of opinion that, although the opening of the line so far may be primarily intended for the imperial object of giving ready access to the proposed works on the Perryaur, those works will be of so much local importance, and the road will be so useful for the transport of timber and bamboos into the plains as to justify its formation being regarded not only as a valuable local improvement, but as one certain to be extremely popular, as manifesting the intention of Government to endeavour to utilize the waters of the Perryaur for the advantage of Madura.

2. The Perryaur project is calculated to confer immense benefit on the District of Madura not only by the means it will provide of improving and extending irrigation, but also by the employment it will give to a population often in want of work and obliged to emigrate in search of it. The road will assist them to find it at hand, and, under all the circumstances, the Government consider that it is a work on which Local Funds may very properly be laid out. His Excellency in Council accordingly directs that the advance ordered to be made from those funds may at once be appropriated to its construction, but as the Local Funds of Madura are stated to be scarcely equal to the demands otherwise falling upon them, the amount of the advance will be added to the estimate for the Perryaur project with a view to its refund on the scheme being sanctioned by the Government of India. In the event of such sanction not being accorded, the amount will be reimbursed from Imperial Funds.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department.
,, Revenue Board.
,, Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.
,, Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.
,, Accountant General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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W.D.W.

I think that the objections raised by the Board are valid & that they ought to be deferred to.

A. J. A.

Circulated for Orders.

29th January 1869. [illegible signature] Col: R.E.
Secy to Govt P.W.D.

The Perryar Project is destined to confer immense benefits on the Madura district by irrigation and by the labour supplied to a population often in want of work and obliged to emigrate. I would sanction the application of Road funds in the first instance and afterwards charge

For Orders.

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(A true Extract)

J. Grose.
Sub Secretary.

To

The Ag Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
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Ag. Secy. to Govt.

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Public Works Department.

No. 661

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 1st March /69.

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I doubt whether the local fund can now meet the requisition. The income of the year has, I understand, been [illegible] exceeded

W.D.

The amount will be reimbursed from Imperial funds.

W.H.

To
The Revenue Dept.
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PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Revenue Department

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Road. Passing orders on the Pro. of the Bd of Revenue stating the grounds of their objection to divert any portion of the Local funds to the construction of a road from Cumbum to the site of the proposed Dam on the Perryaur, and thence to Sheatoor in Tinnevelly.